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THE NORTH-WEST REBELLION.

THE reason why I have been asked to write on this subject is, I suppose, that living as I do in the country affected by the rebellion I am believed to have seen during three months of excitement something that may be worth telling. I take this as a hint that what is required of me is not so much a disquisition on the causes that led to the rebellion, or on Riel's sanity and kindred topics, as a sketchy description of incidents that came more or less closely within the range of my observation. I shall pass lightly by, as likely to make less impression on the gentle reader than they did on myself, such facts as that I shouldered a rifle as a member of the Edmonton Home Guard, and blistered my hands in preparing the fortifications of the town; and I shall ask his attention, in the first place, to the fact that the number of half-breeds and Indians concerned in the rebellion was very small compared with the population of the country—perhaps a fiftieth of the whole. It is true that the letters